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Title: CONICAL SHELL GRASPING AND RETAINING APPARATUS, METHOD
FOR COATING INVERTED CONICAL SHELLS, AND MODULAR AND
RECONFIGURABLE FROZEN CONE CONFECTION MANUFACTURING
SYSTEM AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Applicant herewith submits a preliminary amendment withdrawing claims 20-31 drawn to a method of grasping in anticipation that these claims would be subject to a Restriction Requirement later on upon Examination. These claims are being withdrawn without prejudice. Based on this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19 remain pending and ready for examination.

An action on the merits of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.